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SUBJECT:PERIODIC ARMAMENTS PLANNING SYSTEM (PAPS)

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1. WE SEEK A FAR MORE ACTIVE ROLE FOR PAPS THAN REF B
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REFLECTS. YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO (1) PUT PAPS AT THE CENTER
OF ACTIVITIES FOR IMPROVED ARMAMENT PLANNING, SINCE FRANCE
IS PART OF THE PAPS WORKING GROUP; (2) HAVE PAPS WORKING
GROUP INVOLVE ITSELF WITH THE WORK OF TF 8 TO THE EXTENT
POSSIBLE WITH TF 8 ADDRESSING RESIDUAL ISSUES PAPS CAN'T
HANDLE; (3) SEEK TO UPGRADE PARTICIPATION IN PAPS WITH
INTERNATIONAL STAFF, MISSIONS, AND CAPITALS PROVIDING

INCREASED SUPPORT (U.S. IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING ADDING A CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH PAPS/TF 8); AND (4) HAVE PAPS WORK INCLUDE MENS IN COLLABORATION WITH MC. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DIRECTOR OF TF 8 ALSO HEAD PAPS.

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE EMPHASIS, YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO AVOID A SYMBOLIC NAME CHANGE TO NATO ARMAMENTS PLANNING REVIEW (NAPR). IN RECOMMENDING THAT CHANGE, PARAS 19 AND 20 OF REF B ENCOURAGE A PACE THAT IS EVEN SLOWER THAN THE PAST YEAR'S STUDY EFFORT. WE BELIEVE THE WORK PROPOSED IN REF B IS A USEFUL BEGINNING BUT THAT IT AND THE TONE OF THE REPORT JUST DO NOT GO FAR ENOUGH TOWARD INTEGRATED PLANNING.

3. IN SUM, YOU SHOULD SUPPORT A FAR MORE VIGOROUS ROLE FOR PAPS IN ORDER TO INTEGRATE ARMAMENT PLANNING TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. THE US MUST LEAD IN DISCONTINUING THE PRACTICE OF PERIODICALLY REVIEWING EQUIPMENT LISTS AND THEN GOING NO FURTHER. WE WILL AMPLIFY THIS GUIDANCE AFTER EVALUATING PROGRESS ACHIEVED DURING AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 8 SEPT MEETING OF TF 8.

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